

**Middlesex/Union Infestation**

Spring planting of street trees is ongoing in Linden, with 99 trees planted during the week of April 8-14 by Down to Earth Landscaping. This brings the total of trees restored in Linden to date to 761, and the total restored in all towns involved in the Middlesex/Union infestation to 4,130. A total of 21,513 trees were removed in this infestation.

Follow-up survey work continues with tree-climbers from USDA, NJDA and Davey Tree Expert Company inspecting a total of 223 trees during the week of April 8-14. No additional sightings of beetles or their tell-tale signs on trees were reported.

On April 11, TruGreen Chemlawn Co., the USDA treatment contractor, began injection treatments with imidacloprid. In Carteret, Linden, Rahway and Woodbridge, a total of 2,532 trees were treated with soil injections. In Carteret and Woodbridge, 2,977 trees were treated with trunk injections.

New Jersey's two Senators, Robert Menendez and Frank Lautenberg, recently joined with their New York counterparts to call for \$48 million in federal funds to help the two states rid themselves of the Asian longhorned beetle. This followed recent expansion of New York's quarantine after a substantial and apparently long-standing infestation was discovered on uninhabited Prall's Island, which sits between Staten Island and New Jersey in the Arthur Kill. Jurisdiction for dealing with the Prall's Island situation rests entirely with New York.